

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 14

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Elder Richard Lloyd upon the occasion of his thirty-third anniversary as pastor of historic Green Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Nolensville.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those venerable religious figures who, through their unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, enrich the lives of people in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Elder Richard Lloyd, pastor of historic Green Grove Primitive Baptist Church, is one such estimable individual, who has inspired the congregation with his faith and leadership for thirty-three years; and

WHEREAS, son of the late gospel singer Mattie Lloyd, Pastor Lloyd was always destined for a life in service to God – a destiny which has resulted in forty-seven rewarding years of preaching a message of hope and love to his faithful congregants; and

WHEREAS, his impressive career began at Warner Barracks Church in Bamberg, Germany, where he delivered his first sermon on December 7, 1975; and

WHEREAS, during this time, Pastor Lloyd was serving in the United States Army, from which he was honorably discharged after twenty-one years and seven months of active duty; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his professional commitments, Elder Lloyd has devoted himself to the Baptist community at large, serving as secretary of the Board of the National Primitive Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., moderator of the Cumberland Association of Primitive Baptist Churches, former vice moderator of the Cumberland Association of Primitive Baptist Churches, and a member of Rose of Sharon Primitive Baptist Church in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Lloyd is also deeply devoted to his family and he always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, his Christian stewardship derives much support from his loving wife, Bertha, his children, and his grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body are delighted to join in honoring this committed Christian and dynamic leader in the realm of church and civic life — an eminent citizen of Tennessee and of his community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we join with the members of Green Grove Primitive Baptist Church in honoring Elder Richard Lloyd for his life of continuing service to God and humanity, as well as to his community, State, and nation, commend him upon his thirty-third year as pastor, and offer our best wishes for every continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.